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June 9, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Purchase of Tax-Reverted Land under Act 123, P.A. 1999
State Forest Trail Acquisition
Gwinn Management Unit – Alger County
Chatham Rail Trail
Land Transaction Case #20080084

Purchase: 0.46-acre – To be purchased from Alger County in the amount of \$7,600.00 as provided by statute. 2008 – SEV \$3,800.00.

Description: Alger County, Rock River Township, T46N, R21W, Section 30: A parcel of land 100 feet in width 50 feet on each side of the center line of the former LS&I Railroad Company Main Line, now abandoned, located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, commencing at the intersection of the East Line of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30 and the South right-of-way line of State Highway M-94 which is 60 feet South and parallel to said highway center line; thence West along right-of-way line 200 feet more or less; thence South 240 feet more or less to North right-of-way line of railroad and being point of beginning. Continuing South 100 feet to South right-of-way line of railroad; thence Easterly and 50 feet parallel to the center line of railroad 200 feet more or less to East Line of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30; thence North 100 feet to the North right-of-way line of railroad; thence Westerly on said right-of-way to point of beginning.

Authority: Act 123, P.A. 1999, amended Act 206, P.A. 1893, and Section 211.131 of the General Property Tax Act.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) June 30, 2008 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on July 7, 2008.

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Comments:

The DNR is proposing to acquire the subject parcel under Authority of Act 123, P.A. of 1999. Prior to 1999, the DNR had the authority to retain tax-reverted parcels at no cost for natural resources and recreational purposes. Act 123, P.A. of 1999, now grants the DNR a first right of refusal to acquire tax-reverted properties by paying fair market value or minimum bid, whichever is greater. This first right of refusal applies to all lands that have been foreclosed upon either by the county or the State of Michigan under Act 123.

When the Chatham Rail Trail was acquired in 1992, a number of gaps existed as segments were previously sold to adjacent property owners. It has been the DNR's intent to fill these gaps when feasible. Acquisition of this parcel meets that intent and has the potential to provide future trail connectivity.

Recommendation:

That the parcel be approved for purchase with payment to be made from funds appropriated from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, State Trailways Initiative, as contained in Act 153, Public Acts of 2006.

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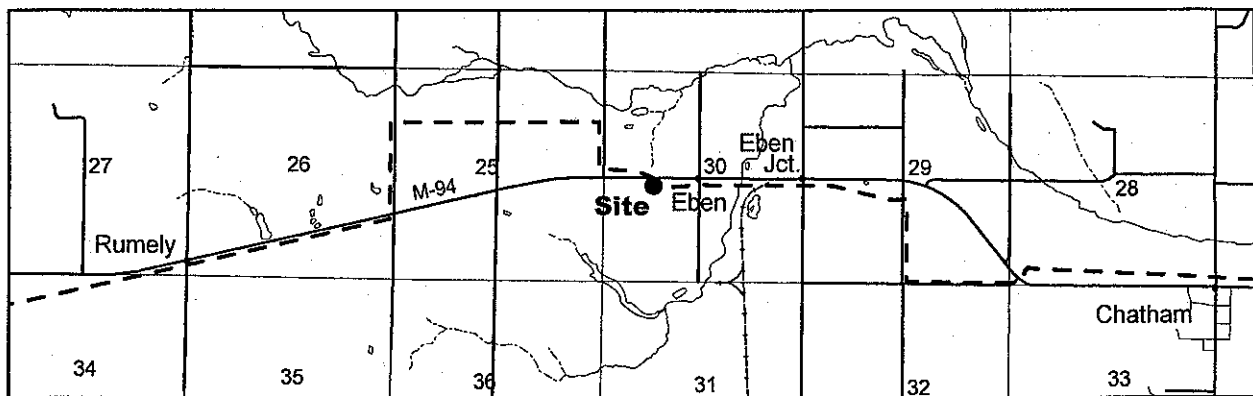
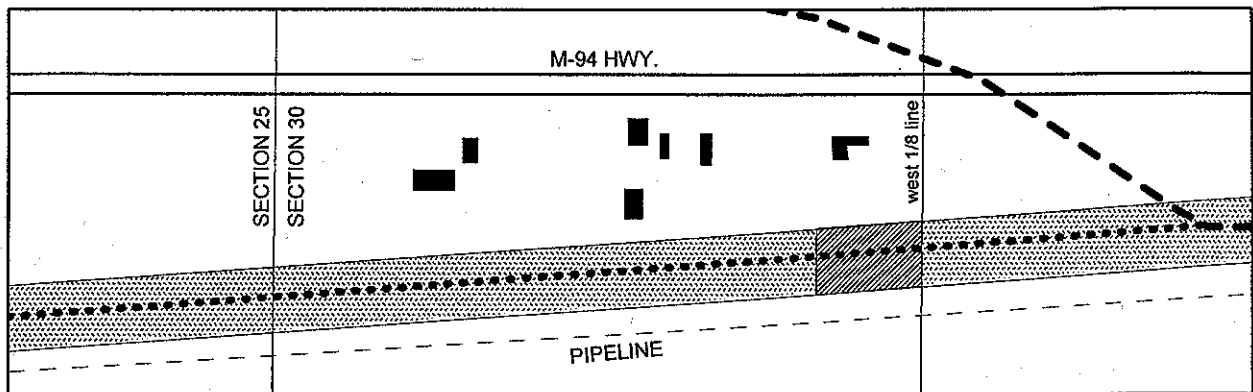
I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

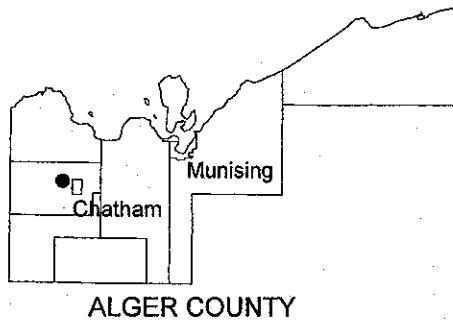
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Section 30, T46N, R21W, Rock Township

- Chatham Rail Trail
- ... Desired Future Trail Route
- Public Act 123 Land to be Acquired by DNR
- Former Railroad Corridor
- Private Land
- Residential Buildings



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